

Active Management Area Regulations Part 1

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Limitation on Irrigated Acres

- For complete regulations see A.R.S. 45-416 and A.R.S. 45-452
- Irrigation includes application of water to ≥ 2 acres of land for growing crops or pasture
- Only acres of land which were legally irrigated at any time during the 5 years preceding the notice of initiation of an AMA may be irrigated

Metering and Reporting Requirements

- For complete regulations see A.R.S. 45-604, A.R.S. 45-603, and A.A.C. R12-15 Articles 9 & 10
- Non-exempt wells are required to use an approved water measuring device
- Users are required to file an annual report that contains accurate records of the person's withdrawals, transportation, deliveries and use of groundwater
 - Exemptions:
 1. A person who withdraws groundwater from an exempt well
 2. Non-irrigation customers of water providers
 3. A person who owns or leases an irrigation grandfathered right that irrigates ≤ 10 acres

Well Regulations

- For complete regulations see A.R.S. 45-454, A.R.S. 45-598, A.R.S. 45-599, and A.C.C. R12-15 Article 13
- Some restrictions on installation of new exempt wells
- Most new, non-exempt wells require a well impact study to prevent increasing damage to surrounding land and/or other water users
 - Existing non-exempt wells may be replaced without an impact study in some cases

Conservation Requirements

- Management Plans contain conservation requirements for agricultural, municipal, and industrial users
- Each Management Plan is tailored to the specific needs of the individual AMA
- See below link for a list of the current AMA Management Plans
 - <http://www.azwater.gov/AzDWR/WaterManagement/AMAs/FourthManagementPlan.htm>

Questions?

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